



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

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SUBJECT: **NORTHWEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA (NWSFVA) –
TRAIL PLAN**

On January 27, 2009, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Director of Parks and Recreation, to establish a committee within 30 days, composed of trail users, equestrians and property owners to study the trail corridors in and around the Northwest San Fernando Valley Area and to update the County's Plan of multi-use trails for the region.

In response to this direction, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Planning and Development Agency (P&D Agency) has developed an approach for the Northwest San Fernando Valley Area Trail Plan (Plan).

**Project Planning Updates to Fifth Supervisorial District – Chatsworth Field Office
First Quarter Reporting Period (March 17, 2010)**

On March 8, 2010, DPR's-P&D Agency provided the Fifth Supervisorial District (SD5) Chatsworth Field Office, an advanced "project planning" update, identifying key milestones useful for updating constituent and stakeholder interests. Periodic updates are necessary within each respective "Reporting Quarter," to ensure the SD5 Field Office has information for internal project tracking and to respond to local constituent and/or City Council inquiries.

County/City of Los Angeles Partnerships

On March 10, 2010, a meeting was held between County and City of Los Angeles (City) staff, at the County's request, in an effort to obtain the status of the City's progress to initiate their portion of the project. The intent of the subject meeting was to identify strategies to jointly advance the project planning into the next stages and reinforce commitments to maintain established goals and timelines.

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The City committed to send regular updates to the County regarding their Bureau of Engineering's progress on retaining an "As-Needed" consultant for their portion of the trail planning efforts. Currently, they are in the process to retain a consultant through their "Task Order Statement" (TSO) procedure, within an estimated timeline of eight (8) weeks. Once a consultant has been selected and approved by their Council, the City will issue a "Notice-to Proceed."

Next Steps

The Department of Parks and Recreation will initiate the following tasks:

- By April 29, 2010, DPR will meet with the Department's "As-Needed Consultant", Sapphos Environmental Inc., to obtain a final proposal and issue a Notice-to-Proceed

The Department of Parks and Recreation will continue reporting to your Board on a quarterly basis to ensure you are kept informed of the progress of this plan development. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Norma E. Garcia, Deputy Director of the Planning and Development Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation at (213) 351-5198 or via e-mail at negarcia@parks.lacounty.gov.

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